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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 10/616,997	Applicant(s) BIBIAN ET AL.
	Examiner Karen E. Toth	Art Unit 3735

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the RCE filed 21 September 2007.
 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-9,11-16,18,21-23,26,27,30-32,37-40 and 43-50.
 3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
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 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 7/11/03
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other ____.

/Robert L. Nasser/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3735

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to anticipate or make obvious the invention of claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-16, 18, 21-23, 26, 27, and 30-32, including, *inter-alia*, extracting information from a brain activity signal to evaluate the level of CNS depression in a subject by acquiring at least two reference signals, each corresponding to distinct and extreme CNS states, observing the subject's brain activity to produce an observed signal, applying a wavelet transformation and a statistical function to the observed signal and to the reference signals to produce an observed data set and reference data sets, comparing the observed data set to the reference data set, and using the comparison to compute a numerical value representing the level of CNS depression.

The prior art of record fails to anticipate or make obvious the method of claim 37, including, *inter-alia*, extracting information from a brain activity signal to evaluate the level of CNS depression in a subject by acquiring at least one reference signal, observing the subject's brain activity to produce an observed signal, applying a wavelet transformation and a statistical function to the observed signal to produce an observed data set and to the reference signal to produce a reference data set, comparing the observed data set to the reference data set by using a vector p-norm to compute the difference between sets, and using the comparison to compute a numerical value representing the level of CNS depression.

The prior art of record fails to anticipate or make obvious the system of claims 38 and 43-50, including, *inter-alia*, a device for acquiring a reference signal corresponding to an awake CNS state from a subject, a device for generating a reference signal corresponding to a CNS state of no brain activity, a device for applying a time-frequency transformation and a statistical function to the two reference signals, a device for observing the brain activity of a subject and acquiring a real-time signal, a device for applying the time-frequency transformation and statistical function to the real-time signal, a device for comparing the data set from the reference signals to the data set from the real-time signal using a vector p-norm, and a device for computing numerical values representative of the patient's CNS depression as a result of the comparison.

The prior art of record fails to anticipate or make obvious the structure of claim 39, including, *inter-alia*, a device for acquiring a first reference signal from a subject that corresponds to the awake CNS state, a device for applying a time-frequency transformation and statistical function to the first reference signal to produce an awake reference data set, a device for generating a second reference data set using a mathematical formula of Dirac function form where the set is representative of the CNS state of no brain activity, a device for observing a subject's brain activity and obtaining a real-time signal, a device for applying the time-frequency function and statistical function to the real-time signal to produce an observed data set, a device comparing the observed data set to the two reference data sets, and a device for computing a numerical value representative of the patient's level of CNS depression based on the comparison.

The prior art of record fails to anticipate or make obvious the method of claim 40, including, *inter-alia*, generating a first reference signal corresponding to an awake CNS state using a random noise signal generator function, generating a second reference signal that corresponds to a CNS state with no brain activity using a time series of zero values, selecting a time-frequency transformation function that will yield a set of coefficients when applied to one of the reference signals, selecting a statistical function to apply to the coefficients or a subset thereof that will yield a reference data set that characterizes the distinct CNS state corresponding to the reference signal, applying the time-frequency transformation and statistical function to the two reference signals to produce two reference data sets that distinguish between awake and no brain activity CNS states, observing a patient's brain activity and acquiring an observed real-time signal, applying the time-frequency transformation and statistical function to the observed signal to produce an observed data set, comparing the observed data set to the reference data sets, and computing a numerical value representative of the patient's level of CNS depression.

John'467 discloses a method for evaluating CNS depression comprising acquiring a plurality of reference signals that correspond to CNS states (column 2, lines 59-60); selecting a transformation function to apply to at least one signal (column 4, lines 61-62); selecting a statistical function to apply to the results of the transformation function to yield a reference data set that characterizes the patient's CNS state (column 4, lines 63-67); applying the transformation and statistical functions to the reference signals (column 4, lines 61-67); capturing a real-time brain signal from brain activity

(column 5, lines 7-9); applying the transformation and statistical functions to the real-time signal (column 5, lines 8-10); comparing the real-time data to the reference data (column 5, lines 9-10); and computing a numerical value representative of the patient's CNS state based upon the comparison (column 3, lines 55-67; column 9, line 48 to column 10, line 10). John does not disclose using reference signals that correspond to distinct and extreme states, such as an awake/alert state and one of zero brain activity, nor does John disclose using a vector p-norm for performing the comparison.

Vierto-Oja teaches a method of evaluating CNS depression comprising performing transformation of signals that correspond to CNS states in order to yield a set of coefficients, such as wavelet transformations (paragraph [0111]), since it is well-known in the art to use wavelet transformations when evaluating signals corresponding to CNS states, and the use of wavelet functions is more effective at distinguishing between signal components.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see the Request for Continued Examination filed 21 September 2007, with respect to claims 1, 2, 5-9, 11-16, 18, 21-27, 30-32, and 37 have

been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of these claims has been withdrawn.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karen E. Toth whose telephone number is 571-272-6824. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor, II can be reached on 571-272-4730. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/Robert L. Nasser/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3735

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